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## COURT COMPELS BOARD OF HEALTH TO ABATE NUISANCE.

In two recent cases <sup>1</sup> decided by the Supreme Court of Nebraska, the court holds that, where a nuisance actually exists and the local board of health has failed, neglected, and refused to abate it, although it is its duty under the law to abate it, the board may be compelled by mandamus to take action and perform its duty.

## TYPHOID FEVER IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR THE YEARS 1918, 1919, AND 1920—ERRATUM.

In the article, "Typhoid Fever in Cleveland, Ohio, for the Years 1918, 1919, and 1920," published in Public Health Reports for May 20, 1921, the lower curve in Chart 6, page 1115, should be titled "Chlorine dosage" instead of "Mean of fermentations in treated water," and the curve titled "Chlorine dosage" should have the designation, "Mean of fermentations in treated water." These titles were inadvertently interchanged when they were redrawn from the originals which Dr. Perkins submitted with his paper.

## DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED MAY 28, 1921.

*Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended May 28, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the "Weekly Health Index," May 31, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)*

	Week ended May 28, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	46, 990, 382	43, 875, 553
Number of death claims.....	7, 671	8, 372
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force.....	8. 5	9. 9

<sup>1</sup> State ex rel. Glatfelter et al. v. Hart et al., Board of health, 182 N. W. 567; State ex rel. Glatfelter et al. v. Clark et al., County Board of Health, 182 N. W. 569.

*Deaths from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended May 28, 1921, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of preceding years. (From the "Weekly Health Index," May 31, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)*

City.	Estimated population, July 1, 1921.	Week ended May 28, 1921.		Average annual death rate per 1,000. <sup>2</sup>	Deaths under 1 year.		Infant mortality rate, week ended May 28, 1921. <sup>3</sup>
		Total deaths.	Death rate. <sup>1</sup>		Week ended May 28, 1921.	Previous year or years. <sup>2</sup>	
Akron, Ohio.....	229,195	16	3.6	<sup>4</sup> 10.4	5	<sup>4</sup> 6	48
Albany, N. Y.....	115,071	42	19.0	C 14.6	3	C 5	67
Atlanta, Ga.....	207,473	52	13.1	C 16.2	9	C 11	...
Baltimore, Md.....	751,537	192	13.3	A 15.4	21	A 25	59
Birmingham, Ala.....	186,133	59	16.5	A 21.1	6	A 10	...
Boston, Mass.....	757,634	213	14.7	A 16.5	30	A 36	81
Bridgeport, Conn.....	149,967	37	12.9	A 15.9	5	A 6	63
Buffalo, N. Y.....	519,608	121	12.1	C 13.3	23	C 19	89
Cambridge, Mass.....	110,444	39	18.4	A 14.1	6	A 3	107
Camden, N. J.....	119,672	24	10.5	...	5	...	...
Chicago, Ill.....	2,780,655	682	12.8	A 14.3	116	A 115	...
Cincinnati, Ohio.....	403,418	108	14.0	C 13.0	8	C 13	53
Cleveland, Ohio.....	831,138	166	10.4	C 12.8	24	C 38	64
Columbus, Ohio.....	245,358	68	14.5	C 11.3	7	C 8	81
Dallas, Tex.....	165,282	45	14.2	A 14.8	8	A 4	...
Dayton, Ohio.....	158,119	30	9.9	C 9.8	6	C 4	98
Denver, Colo.....	263,152	82	16.2	A 12.8	11	...	...
Detroit, Mich.....	1,070,450	215	10.5	C 12.8	48	C 45	91
Fall River, Mass.....	120,668	52	22.5	C 16.0	1	C 14	15
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	141,197	37	13.7	C 16.5	5	C 6	85
Houston, Tex.....	144,340	36	13.0	...	1	...	...
Indianapolis, Ind.....	325,215	81	13.0	C 13.6	4	C 14	31
Jersey City, N. J.....	302,788	72	12.4	C 12.9	12	C 10	...
Kansas City, Kans.....	103,908	29	14.6	...	6	...	143
Kansas City, Mo.....	336,167	80	12.4	C 12.2	7	C 12	...
Los Angeles, Calif.....	611,636	156	13.3	A 12.7	15	A 14	71
Louisville, Ky.....	236,083	79	17.4	C 14.2	8	C 2	92
Lowell, Mass.....	113,757	21	9.6	A 15.2	4	A 6	64
Memphis, Tenn.....	165,389	72	22.7	C 19.2	7	C 9	...
Milwaukee, Wis.....	468,386	107	11.9	A 11.7	21	A 25	102
Minneapolis, Minn.....	392,815	67	8.9	C 12.3	8	C 11	46
Nashville, Tenn.....	119,536	24	10.5	C 15.4	3	C 5	...
New Bedford, Mass.....	125,012	27	11.3	A 15.7	3	A 8	46
New Haven, Conn.....	167,007	38	11.9	C 14.6	8	C 8	95
New Orleans, La.....	394,657	134	17.7	A 19.1	25	A 19	...
New York, N. Y.....	5,751,867	1,216	11.0	C 12.2	160	C 201	63
Newark, N. J.....	424,885	85	10.4	C 13.7	15	C 25	...
Norfolk, Va.....	121,260	23	9.9	...	9	...	160
Oakland, Calif.....	226,472	45	10.4	A 11.0	2	A 4	25
Omaha, Nebr.....	197,066	58	15.3	...	7	...	...
Paterson, N. J.....	137,463	32	12.1	...	4	...	...
Philadelphia, Pa.....	1,866,212	398	11.1	<sup>4</sup> 15.6	57	<sup>4</sup> 63	69
Pittsburgh, Pa.....	596,413	167	14.6	C 15.7	27	C 30	96
Portland, Oreg.....	264,859	71	14.0	C 13.4	6	C 7	60
Providence, R. I.....	239,645	73	15.9	C 15.3	19	C 14	...
Richmond, Va.....	175,686	56	16.6	C 16.6	9	C 5	110
Rochester, N. Y.....	305,229	52	8.9	C 13.8	10	C 12	78
St. Louis, Mo.....	786,164	208	13.8	C 12.9	18	C 23	...
St. Paul, Minn.....	337,781	51	11.2	C 13.9	2	C 9	20
Salt Lake City, Utah.....	121,595	38	16.3	A 12.8	9	...	139
San Francisco, Calif.....	520,546	144	14.4	C 12.0	5	C 13	29
Seattle, Wash.....	327,227	50	8.0	A 9.0	6	A 7	50
Spokane, Wash.....	104,442	14	7.0	C 10.0	2	C 2	44
Springfield, Mass.....	135,877	33	12.7	...	5	...	75
Syracuse, N. Y.....	177,265	39	11.5	C 15.9	8	C 9	96
Toledo, Ohio.....	253,696	67	13.8	A 16.3	8	A 11	81
Trenton, N. J.....	122,760	41	17.4	A 18.7	3	A 6	...
Washington, D. C.....	454,026	111	12.7	A 15.3	7	A 12	41
Wilmington, Del.....	113,408	23	10.6	C 15.9	6	...	...
Worcester, Mass.....	184,972	49	13.8	C 12.1	6	C 8	64
Yonkers, N. Y.....	103,324	23	11.6	A 10.9	2	A 2	45
Youngstown, Ohio.....	139,432	29	10.8	...	2	...	25

<sup>1</sup> Annual rate per 1,000 population.

<sup>2</sup> "A" indicates data for the corresponding week of the years 1913 to 1917, inclusive. "C" indicates data for the corresponding week of the year 1920.

<sup>3</sup> Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 births—an annual rate based on deaths under 1 year for the week and estimated births for 1920. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

<sup>4</sup> Data based on statistics of 1915, 1916, and 1917.